

- (g) whether the petitioner referred to in (a) was not a contributory of the institution, into the affairs of which he demanded an investigation?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

- (a) There was a petition from one Mr. Krishnankutty stating that he was a share-holder of the Malabar National Bank, Ltd.
- (b) No investigation was made as the petitioner was not a shareholder.
- (c) Please see answer to sub-division (d) to question No. 114.
- (d) There was no necessity for verification in view of the answer to (b).
- (e) Yes. Please see answer to sub-division (e) to question No. 114.
- (f) Yes.
- (g) The petitioner was not a share-holder and hence he was not a contributory.

GOVERNMENT PRESS—CLOSING FOR THIRUVANTHALI

117. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): Will Government be pleased to state whether the Government Press was closed for the *Thiruvanthali* in Medam 1116?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): May I know, why?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): The Press is worked on a commercial basis. The holidays in the Press are very much restricted. They are not allowed all the holidays allowed to the other offices. Therefore the Press worked on that day.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): May I know whether it is the case of the Government that this particular holiday comes under the general category of other holidays?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): It is a special holiday, no doubt. But the Government considered that, under the restriction scheme of holidays, the Press may work on that day.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): Is it not a Government Institution, Sir?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Certainly. That is why Government made it a working day.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE—PAYMENT FOR OCCUPATION

118. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Will Government be pleased to state whether, as per the agreement between the Cochin Government and Sir R. K. Shanmukham Chetty before his appointment as Diwan, he has to pay for the Government House he occupies?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know, Sir, whether in the contract any provision is made with regard to the housing accommodation?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes. He is entitled to a free house.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Is there such a provision in the contract that has been entered into by Government with Sir Shanmukham?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): In the order issued in connection with his appointment there is a provision that he is entitled to a free house.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Is the agreement confidential? Can't you keep the agreement on the Council Table?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): The order issued to the Comptroller of Finance and Accounts is here. There is no written agreement. It was an arrangement made in the orders issued.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will you please read it?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): I will read if you want it. The relevant portion is: "His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to fix the salary of Sir R. K. Shanmukham Chetty, K.C.I.E., at Rs. 3,000 per mensem. He is also allowed free quarters and free use of all State cars and other conveniences."

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Was this concession given to the previous Diwans also?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Was not Mr. Herbert paying rent for the house he was occupying?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): I don't exactly remember the terms of his agreement.